(b) In order to increase exports of tea to Russia and other CIS countries, an office of tea Board has been set up at Moscow. Promotional campaign for Indian tea in Russia & other CIS countries through media (television & press), tea sampling demonstrations, participation in consumer exhibitions etc. have been planned by Tea Board. Efforts are also being made to increase exports of Indian tea to other countries in Europe, WANA region, USA etc. through promotional programmes.

नेपाल को गेहूं और चावल का निर्यात किया जाना

7389. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने नेपाल को भारी मात्रा में गेहूं और चावल सप्लाई करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां; तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इससे कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित होने की संभावना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रण्व मुखर्जी (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Amendment in Patent Law

7390. SHRI V. NARAYANA-SAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the existing patent law by increasing the patent period from 14 to 20 years ; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to bring forward a legislation ill this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) and (b) An Expert Group is being set up by the Government to consider the changes required in the Patents Act, 1970 in conformity with the Uruguay Round Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. Suitable legislation to amend the Act will be considered after the Group submits its report.

Import of Oilseeds

7391. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of oilseeds that were imported during 1993-94 along-with the names of the countries and quantities of imported oilseeds;

(b) the total production of oilseeds in the country during this period; and

(c) the exact policy of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) Quantity of oilseeds imported during 1993-94 (upto January, 1994) was 93,000 tonnes (ap-prox.)

The import of oilseeds was made from USA, Malaysia, Singapore, Guinea, Srilanka, Thailand, Nepal, Argentina, France,German Fed. Rep. Japan, UK, Costa Rica, Guyana and Brazil

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta. Figures are provisional).

(b) According to present assessment the production of nine oilseeds, viz. Groundnut, Castorseed, Seasamum, Nigerseed, Rapeseed & Mustard, Lineseed, Safflower, Sunflower and Soyabean during 1993-94 is expected to be about 21.85 million tonnes.

(c) Seeds are covered by Negative List of Imports as Listed at part D .(SI. No. 4) in para 156 of Exam. Policy. In terms of SI. No. 4 and 5 of para 157 import of seeds is •canalised through STC and Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation Ltd.

Shoe Exporting factories in Maharashtra

7392. DR. SHRI KANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and locations of shoe factories in Maharashtra whose entire production is for export purposes;

(b) whether such factories can sell their products in the domestic market;

(c) whether after the liberalisation in the economy and modification of various rules, it is still binding on these factories to export their entire product; and

(d) what is Government's policy with respect to shoe export ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERMEE): (a) A statement giving names and locations of 100 % Export Oriented Units in Maharashtra manufacturing shoe is attached *{See* below).

(b) and (c) The 100 % EOUs have to undertake the export of their entire production less permissible level of rejects viz. 5 %. However, unless specifically prohibited, they are entitled to sales in the domestic tariff area as permissible under the Exim Policy viz. 25 % of production in value terms in respect of Shoe Units.

(d) Leather Sector including footwear is receiving priority as one of the Thrust sectors for export promotion.

Statement

S. No.	Name of EOU	Address	Location approved
1	M/s. Tajoomal's Industries Ltd.	601, Tulsiani Chambers, 212, Nariman Point, *Bombay*– 400021:	J. B. Nagar. Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri (East). Greater Bombay, *Maharashtra:*
2	M/s. Shoe Crafters	203-204, Wadala Udyog Bhavan. Naigaur Cross Road, Wadala, *Bomday*– 400031:	Wadala Udyog Bhavan NCRD. Gr. Bombay. *Maharashtra:*
3	M/s. Chandan Exports Corporation.	68-69, Apollo Indl. Estate, Andheri (E), *Gr. Bombay*– 400098:	68-69, Apollo Indl. Estate, Andheri (E), Gr. Bombay, *Maharashtra:*

Source : SEEPZ, Bombay

Quantity and value of export of shoes

7393.DR SHRIKANT RAMOCANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quanity and value of shoes exported during the last three yearn;